IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.27429-M of 2007
Date of Decision:- 01.10.2007

Sat Pal ....Petitioner(s)

through
Mr.Avtar Singh Bhatti, Advocate

vs.

State of Punjab ....Respondent(s)

through
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, DAG, Punjab.

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CORAM:-HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

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1) Whether Reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2) To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3) Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

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SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in this petition is to grant regular bail to the petitioner in case F.I.R.no.21 dated 29.1.2005 under Section 15 of the NDPS Act, registered at Police Station Balachaur, District Nawanshahr.

As per the allegations contained in the F.I.R., the petitioner who is also the owner of the truck, was driving the same carrying 800 Kgs. of poppy husk.

It further appears that as per the prosecution, the petitioner fled from the scene, however, later on he was apprehended on 23.10.2005 but before that he had been declared a proclaimed offender.

Be that as it may, out of 11, 5 prosecution witnesses have already been examined. It is stated that the case is now fixed before the learned trial Court on 16.10.2007 for the remaining evidence.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and having regard

to the rigors of Section 37 of the Act, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the learned Special Judge to make an endeavour to conclude the ongoing trial as early as possible and preferably on or before 31.3.2008.

October 01, 2007 **(SURYA KANT)**
poonam **JUDGE**